

COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC KVP Shipments to the Pasewalk-Torgelow-Viereck Area

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1. On 12 April 1953, a train with a KVP shipment stood ready to pull out at the Strasburg railroad station, headed toward Pasewalk. The shipment consisted of 4 flatcars with an ambulance, 4 field kitchens, 4 trucks and 2 sedans, 2 flatcars with 8 guns, allegedly model 42 x 45-mm AT guns, 6 to 8 limbers and about 20 boxcars with troops.

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2. In the morning of 12 April, another KVP train which, according to railroad officials, proceeded toward Pasewalk, stood at the Neubrandenburg railroad station. The shipment consisted of 22 boxcars with troops wearing dark-blue service color, about 8 flatcars with trucks and an ambulance and 2 flatcars with arms and equipment covered with tarpaulins.

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the ambulance was painted yellow and bore a red cross.

3. On 9 April, 2 trains carrying a total of 5 x 150-mm guns and pertaining prime movers, 10 x 76.2-mm guns and 2 field kitchens and an undetermined number of flatcars and VP personnel on 20 boxcars drove to Neubrandenburg via Pasewalk. At about 3:40 p.m. on 10 April, a train consisting of 5 boxcars with VPs, 16 canvas-covered guns and 8 trucks passed through Pasewalk from the direction of Neubrandenburg and proceeded toward Torgelow.² At about 1:45 p.m. on 11 April, a train of 41 boxcars with VPs, 6 flatcars each with about 6 AT guns, 1 heavy mortar, 11 trucks, 1 jeep and 5 field kitchens arrived in Pasewalk from the direction of Berlin. At about 11:45 a.m. on 12 April, a KVP unit which had just been detrained and consisted of about 300 troops wearing black service color, 5 trucks and 2 field kitchens marched toward Viereck. On 16 April, 2 trains carrying a total of 13 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 76 jeeps, heavy mortars on 3 or 4 flatcars and VP on 6 or 7 boxcars arrived in Pasewalk from the direction of Berlin. The train was not observed to proceed. At about 4:15 p.m. on 17 April, a train with 5 to 8 AT guns, and 20 to 25 jeeps passed through Pasewalk toward Torgelow. Further shipments that passed through Pasewalk that day were not determined. ¹

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The trains are believed to have carried components of the Armeegruppe Nord which transferred from their winter posts to the area north of Pasewalk.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The train en route toward Neubrandenburg presumably carried artillery units of the Prora Division back to Ruegen Island, after the units had engaged in firing practice with live ammunition in the area north of Pasewalk. The train observed on 10 April presumably carried artillery units of the Prora Division to the area north of Pasewalk for firing with live ammunition. [REDACTED]

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